

Parafield Airport Consultative Committee Minutes of Meeting



Date: Thursday, 23rd February 2012

Action item:

Airservices review of the presentation of noise complaint information

Airservices Australia review of the presentation of noise complaint information is progressing. Quarterly reports are expected to be available prior to next consultative committee meeting.

Water Harvesting Scheme Update

City of Salisbury advised prior 6 months captured 531ML, adding 300ML into storage making the total water stored in the aquifer 3,000ML. Demand has been low due to a mild summer and some budget constraints of some customers.

When taking a recent flight in a War-bird aircraft noticed a hole in the netting over one of the ponds which will be repaired promptly. De-silting works were planned over this summer but rains have prevented the drying of the sediment enough to remove. Expected to be 350-400 tonne removed.

At future meetings the City of Salisbury will report on major issues in the Salisbury area including those affecting Parafield Airport.

Airport Update

Flying training is showing strong growth. A preliminary report from January 2012 indicates activity is up 19% on January 2011.

Resident flight training student numbers are significantly up from 2011 levels Parafield Air Show will be held on March 25th 2012. This is an air display arranged by a group of aviation enthusiasts who have formed the Parafield Air Show Committee and should attract a large following and has a full program of events scheduled including aerobatic displays and the RAAF Roulettes.

Commercial Report

Expansion of leased premises and fit out in Hangar 55 will double the size of the Uni SA Aviation Academy facilities and is halfway complete.
Helistar are due to relocate to Adelaide Airport in the coming months.

Environmental Report

Attached

Department of Infrastructure (Airport Environment Officer) Report

No major issues to report. The Annual Environment report for 2010/2011 was submitted to Canberra and has been approved.

One site with contamination is under approach for rectification.

Parafield Airport Technical Advisory Committee (PATAC)

Review of the Noise complaint data was completed. The bulk of noise complaints were aimed at circuit flying.

The committee has continued review of the Fly Friendly Policy with no changes at this stage however have acknowledged the next step is likely to engage in community consultation.

A major upgrade to the Adelaide radar late last year has enabled 24 tracking of traffic at Parafield. This new information was used to provide spread arrival and departure tracks used for the 2031 Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF). Draft results were presented to the meeting demonstrating significantly improved forecasts over previous methods which were based on a single planned track.

Community and Airport Agency Update

Airservices – Including Noise Inquiry Report

Chairman advised the Airport Noise Ombudsman has offered to attend a meeting in the near future should the committee want his presence. The offer was welcomed by all present and accepted as unanimous.

Analysis of noise complaints for prior three months tabled and analysed. The increase in complaints follows seasonal trend of more suitable flying weather over the summer period as seen in previous years. Airservices advised their Noise Complaints and Information Service were aiming on providing individual responses to a number of individual complainants logging multiple complaints.

Flying Training Report

FTA is installing temporary accommodation to facilitate increase in students for 2012.

Uni SA lease almost finalised and plans to increase student capability.

Other/New Business

Relevant Land Use Planning Information

City of Salisbury described how their land use planning strategy works to tie in with state planning to ensure integrated results.

State government advised the Mawson Lakes Plan Amendment report is expected to be out to all relevant agencies soon. The state representative also described a new group called the National Airports Safeguarding Advisory Group, known as NASAG, comprising of Commonwealth, State and Territory Government planning

and transport officials, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), Airservices Australia, the Department of Defence and the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA). This group are working to develop a draft National Airports Safeguarding Framework consisting of a number of elements including:

- Principles for a national framework
- Measures for Managing Impacts of Intrusion by Aircraft Noise
- Managing the risk of building generated windshear and turbulence at airports
- Managing the risk of wildlife strikes in the vicinity of airports
- Managing the risk of wind turbine farms as physical obstacles to air navigation
- Managing the risk of distractions to pilots from lighting in the vicinity of airports
- Managing the risk of intrusions into the protected airspace of airports

The Department of Infrastructure and Transport have offered to provide a short presentation to the next meeting on the focus and developments in their area. The committee indicated they would like to accept the offer.

Local counsellor advised the Parafield Gardens Soccer Club was seeking ways to achieve suitable lighting of the soccer field which is adjacent the airport boundary and the two runways heading west. Because the field is in line with the runway they are not able to install light towers at their preferred height but instead need to site more towers of a lower height and provide sufficient shielding to satisfy aerodrome standards. Parafield Airport Limited is working with the club to resolve.

2012 Parafield Airport Master Plan

The new radar data from Airservices enabling the improvement in the ANEF only became available in late December. To utilise this data which is more complex than that used in the past to produce the ANEF for Parafield took a considerable amount of time. However we did believe the extra time taken would be worthwhile and therefore requested a short extension from the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport. The extension was granted and is now due by 31 June 2012. Airservices have approved the ANEF and it will now be included in the preliminary Draft Master Plan. We expect to commence public consultation on March 13 for a period of 60 days. Public meetings will be held in the community, an offer is open to all elected members for briefings and a booth will be set up at the Parafield Air Show on March 25th to provide information to the public on the Master Plan.

After community feedback is received, Parafield Airport Limited will assess and consider the feedback and make any appropriate amendments to the plan and lodge the Draft Master Plan with the minister mid June. The next PACC meeting is scheduled only one week prior to the end of public consultation which does not allow the committee much time to consider, so instead we propose a half day workshop on the 19th of April starting with a light lunch.

Date of Next Meeting

- The Extraordinary meeting/workshop is scheduled for 1pm Thursday 19th April 2012
- The date of the next formal meeting is scheduled for Thursday 24th May 2012.